

### Remarks

Applicant has amended claim 2 consistent with the Examiner's recommendations for allowability of the claim. Applicant appreciates the Examiner's thorough review and allowability of claims 3-22. Applicant cancels claim 23 herein without prejudice subject to reinstatement in an appropriately filed continuation or related application.

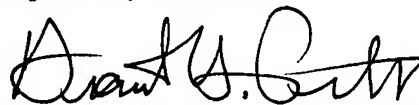
For the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully asserts that claims 1-22 are now in condition for allowance.

### Conclusion

It is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition to be passed to allowance. If there are any issues remaining to be resolved, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney by telephone so that such issues can be discussed and properly resolved. Applicant respectfully requests favorable reconsideration of the present application based on the amendments and remarks set forth herein.

A Petition for a Two-Month Extension of Time is included herewith. No other fees are believed due at this time, however, please charge any additional deficiencies or credit any overpayments to deposit account number 12-0913 with reference to our attorney docket number (28642-92477).

Respectfully submitted



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